

DESIGNATING THE "TOTTEN TRAIL PUMPING STATION"

DECEMBER 9, 1970.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FALLON, from the Committee on Public Works,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 3107]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3107) to officially designate the "Totten Trail Pumping Station," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to designate the pumping station at the Snake Creek arm of the reservoir formed by Garrison Dam, North Dakota, as the "Totten Trail Pumping Station."

GENERAL STATEMENT

The pumping station is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, and supplies water to raise the level of Devils Lake. Fort Totten was established some 103 years ago on the southern shore of Devils Lake, and was named for Gen. Gilbert Totten, then Chief of the Engineer Corps, U.S. Army. The Totten Trail, originally a supply trail to Fort Totten, served as a supply route for much of the freight traffic which moved on the Missouri River.

COST TO THE UNITED STATES

Enactment of this legislation will not result in any cost to the Federal Government.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

The committee believes it fitting and proper to name this pumping station after the historic Totten Trail which served Fort Totten at Devils Lake.

AGENCY COMMENTS

A letter submitted by the Department of the Interior offering no objection to the enactment of H.R. 3107 follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., May 28, 1970.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on H.R. 3107, a bill "To officially designate the 'Totten Trail Pumping Station.'"

We would not object to enactment of the bill should the Congress determine that the designation in the bill is appropriate.

The bill would designate the pumping station at the Snake Creek arm of the reservoir formed by Garrison Dam, N. Dak., as the "Totten Trail Pumping Station." It would further provide that laws, regulations, documents, and records of the United States in which the pumping station is referred to refer to it by such name.

In May 1967 the Garrison Civic Club in a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation of this Department suggested that the Garrison Reservoir pumping plant be named the "Totten Trail Pumping Station." The Bureau response was that such a change in designation was not practical, since the pumping plant was identified in the Bureau of Reclamation report on which the congressional authorization was based as the Snake Creek Pumping Plant and was also so designated in all Bureau records and by the public. The significance of the geographic location of the facility was also stressed in relationship to the name of the structure. Also it was suggested that the civic club work with the Regional Director of the Bureau and other members of the field staff in selecting for designation by the name "Totten Trail" some other feature of the Garrison diversion unit.

The Board on Geographic Names has indicated that it has no objection to the bill but calls attention to the fact that the reservoir formed by Garrison Dam was designated as "Lake Sakakawea" by the act of July 4, 1967 (Public Law 90-46) and that the name of the Snake Creek arm was changed to Audubon Lake by decision of the Board on Geographic Names on January 9, 1968.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

FRED J. RUSSELL,
Undersecretary of the Interior.